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In accordance with instructions I have received, I would request you to circulate the text of the enclosed decision adopted by the Council of Ministers of the Commonwealth of Independent States on 27 March 1997 as a document of the Security Council (see annex).

(Signed) Elder G. KOULIEV
Permanent Representative

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Annex

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Decision of the Council of Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Commonwealth of Independent States, adopted in Moscow on 27 March 1997

On the draft decision of the Council of Heads of State of the Commonwealth of Independent States, introduced by the Azerbaijani Republic and entitled "On evidence of illegal deliveries of Russian arms to the Republic of Armenia"

The Council of Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the States Members of the Commonwealth of Independent States,

Expressing its concern at the published information concerning unauthorized deliveries of Russian military equipment to the Republic of Armenia, which could lead to a further aggravation of the Nagorny Karabakh conflict and damage negotiations on a peaceful settlement,

Has decided:

1. To take note of the information provided by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, Mr. E. M. Primakov, that the Russian side is conducting an investigation into the published information concerning unauthorized deliveries.

2. Based on the results of the investigation, if this information is confirmed, appropriate measures shall be taken and the guilty parties shall be prosecuted. Measures shall also be taken to prevent the recurrence of such incidents.

3. The Executive Secretary of the Commonwealth of Independent States, Mr. I. M. Korotchenya, shall inform the Council of Heads of State of the Commonwealth of this decision of the Council of Ministers for Foreign Affairs.

(Signed) E. PRIMAKOV
Chairman of the Council of Ministers
for Foreign Affairs of the States
Members of the Commonwealth of
Independent States